

by Eli Shores, deceased, which land is located in the City of Hickory in the block bounded by First Street S. W. on the East, by Eighth Avenue Drive S. W. on the South, by Third Street S. W. on the West, and by Seventh Avenue S. W. on the North; and

WHEREAS, it is contemplated that the said land shall be used for public purposes and for purposes intended to promote the welfare of all citizens of the City of Hickory; and

WHEREAS, there are now outstanding against such real estate liens for ad valorem taxes of the City of Hickory for the year 1953 and for a number of years prior thereto, the existence of which taxes and the liens therefor present difficulties in the proposed program for the acquisition and development of the said property as aforesaid: Now, therefore,
The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. The governing body of the City of Hickory, in its discretion, is hereby authorized and empowered to discount in such amounts as said governing body may see fit, or to forgive in whole, ad valorem taxes due to the City of Hickory upon any and all property formerly owned by Eli Shores, deceased, and located within the territory above described, for the year 1953 and for all preceding years, which may be acquired by the Hickory Community Foundation, Inc., or the City of Hickory, for the purposes above mentioned.

Sec. 2. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 16th day of April, 1953.

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CHAPTER 821

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT ACTIVE OR ACTING MEMBERS OF THE ELIZABETH CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM SERVING AS MEMBERS OF THE ELIZABETH CITY FIRE COMMISSION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. Amend Chapter 1012 of the Session Laws of 1947 by re-writing the last paragraph of Section 3 of said Chapter so that the same shall hereafter read as follows:

"The authority to appoint members of the Elizabeth City Fire Commission and to fill vacancies on said Commission because of death, resignation or any other cause is hereby vested in the governing authority of the City of Elizabeth City. The present members of the Elizabeth City Fire Commission shall continue to hold their offices or positions as members of the said Commission until their terms of office expire as fixed by the laws enacted prior to the passage of this amendment to this Section. The terms of office of the members of the said Elizabeth City Fire Commission shall continue as fixed by law in effect prior to the passage of this amendment to this Section. On and after the ratification of this amend-